

The State vs. Carpenter and Stevens.

HOSPITAL AND OTHER INCIDENTS

Charlotte Mills direct, p. 91a (pencil number).

Mrs. Mills was operated upon in February, 1922. After her mother came home she told Charlotte that Mr. and Mrs. Hall visited her one afternoon at the hospital shortly after she came there.

"While there Mr. Hall knelt down on one side of the bed opposite Mrs. Hall and he prayed, and after he finished the prayer he looked at Mrs. Hall and said to her, 'Frances, if anything happens to Eleanor I will kill myself.'" (p. 92)

(Note: A likely statement for a man carrying on an illicit affair to make to his own wife in the presence of the other women at a time when the affair was being concealed.

(P. 93.) Mrs. Mills also told Charlotte of a prayer poem brought to the hospital by Mr. Hall left on a dresser in Mrs. Mills' room and surmised by Mr. Hall to have been seen by Mrs. Hall while he was out of the room.

Direct, p. 94, 95.

Charlotte told of her mother going by automobile to Lake Hopatcong with Dr. and Mrs. Hall on a picnic trip the day before the murder. Mrs. Mills not being strong, was tired by climbing, and reaching a resting place, Mr. Hall made her comfortable. While he was doing this Mrs. Hall looked at Mrs. Mills in the most horrifying manner and Mrs. Mills said to Charlotte "she hoped she would never see a human being give her a look like that again because it was killing."

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Charlotte further said that her mother told her that about a month or two before the murders her mother was invited to Mrs. Hall's garden of an evening because she was very fond of flowers, and after visiting the garden was invited to the porch where she was offered a cup of tea. She was the only one to drink, and after several sips she became suddenly ill and was immediately brought home, where she vomited severely.

Note: Simpson asked Charlotte whether Mrs. Mills said anything about whether she thought she was poisoned or not and Charlotte did not answer his question but talked of nausea.

Note: Charlotte never saw a letter written by Dr. Hall or by Mrs. Mills to the other.

Also she was never threatened or offered money by DiMartini or by Mrs. Hall or by anyone else on Mrs. Hall's behalf.

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TELEPHONE CALL AT HALL HOME
ON NIGHT OF MURDERS

Louise Geist, direct, pp. 114, 115, 116.

Louise said that between seven and eight she answered a telephone call in Mr. Hall's bed room on the second floor and thought from the voice it was Mrs. Mills. Louise, looking over the bannisters, saw Mrs. Hall picking up the receiver on the telephone in the downstairs hall and told Mrs. Hall the call was for Mr. Hall. Mrs. Hall said Mr. Hall was upstairs. Mr. Hall called from the bathroom and shortly came out and answered the call. Louise heard Hall say, over the 'phone, "Yes, yes, yes." Louise gathered the rest of the talk was about a painter or something at the church. She thought Hall said in addition, "That is too bad. That is too bad."

Note: Before Hall left the house after this telephone conversation Louise saw him talk with Mrs. Hall, and he exchanged pleasantries at the back door with Louise when he went out. Hall apparently was not excited.

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